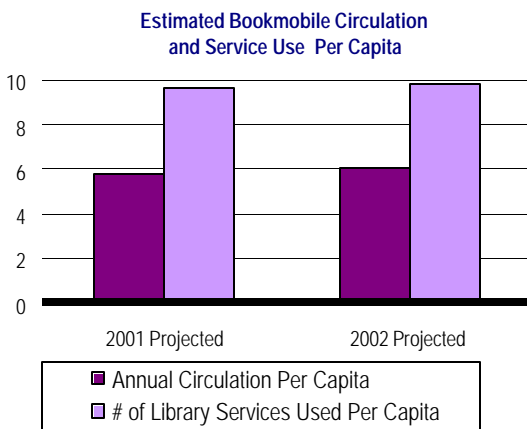


Culture and Recreation

Community based services include library outreach programs in addition to the network of library facilities, park green space, playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pools, recreation centers, bike paths, physical fitness classes, dance, arts and crafts, athletic programs for all ages, various youth based programs, and municipal golf courses. The Wichita Art Museum, the Boathouse, the Wichita Historical Museum, and the gardens of Botanica are also key elements of the City's culture and recreation program.

Library. The 2001 Adopted Budget introduces the Bookmobile to the citizens of Wichita. The bookmobile will bring service to a large range of people, operating on a sixty-hour week. The routes and stops will be tailored to specific audiences and a portion of the bookmobile collections carried on any specific day will be targeted. The bookmobile will carry out a children's reading and programming mission during the summer months, dovetailing with the youth Outreach program already underway. Stops will be selected based on existing public gathering places, bringing service to where the people already go instead of passively waiting for them to find the service in a fixed location. The program will also extend library service to new neighborhoods around the fringes of the City, especially the far west, northeast, and southeast areas that are up to six miles from the nearest branch library.



Park. The City attempts to provide recreational opportunities to all citizens. Opportunities range from free activities (picnic areas in parks) to activities for which a fee is charged.

	Selected Performance Measures			
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Cost recovery – recreation centers	26.0%	28.0%	30.0%	32.0%
Cost recovery – swimming pools	52.4%	54.4%	55.4%	56.4%

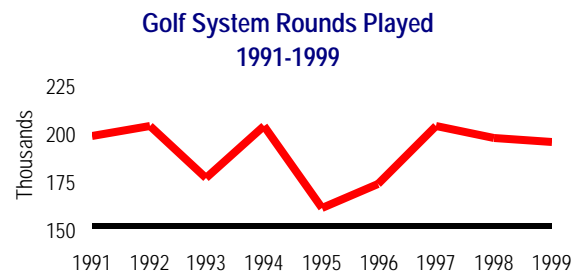
The Park and Recreation Department also manages and operates Century II and Expo Hall, a regional convention center. The facility hosts 35 state conventions annually, bringing over 50,000 visitors to Wichita.

	Selected Performance Measures			
	1998	1999	2000	2001
State conventions hosted	22	35	35	35
Attendance at state conventions hosted	50,650	48,585	55,000	55,000
Event days hosted for state conventions	63	60	65	65

In addition to offering traditional leisure services, Park also manages several attractions, including the Boathouse and the Omnisphere Science Center, while providing support to Botanica and the Mid-America All Indian Center. Attendance at these attractions is encouraged, to enhance the cultural opportunities of Wichita citizens.

	Selected Performance Measures			
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Annual visitors	112,938	126,000	130,000	135,000
Private dollars raised	\$618,300	\$699,000	\$760,000	\$820,000

Golf. The City operates four 18-hole courses to provide golf recreation to Wichita citizens. A fifth course is expected to open in 2001. The Golf system attempts to offer the highest possible quality golf at affordable prices. Annually nearly 200,000 rounds of golf are provided.



Note: Significant course renovation reduced rounds played in 1993 and 1995